

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 KATHMA 05027 081327Z

40

ACTION IO-10

INFO OCT-01 NEA-06 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-05 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 EA-06 AF-04 /063 W

----- 124396

O 081155Z DEC 74 ZFF-4

FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

TO USMISSION USUN NY IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0221

S E C R E T KATHMANDU 5027

E.O. GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, KS, KN, NP

SUBJECT: KOREA IN 29TH UNGA: NEPAL

1. I MET WITH FONMIN KARKI MORNING OF DECEMBER 8 FOR AN EXTENDED REVIEW OF BOTH PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF KOREAN ISSUE. HE CONFIRMED THAT AMBASSADOR UPADHYAY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ABSTAIN ON PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF VOTING PRIORITY, AS WELL AS TO ABSTAIN ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. HE AGREED TO LOOK INTO QUESTION OF ABSTAINING ON MOTION NOT TO CONSIDER ALGERIAN RESOLUTION SHOULD FRIENDLY RESOLUTION PASS.

2. WHILE HE LISTENED CAREFULLY TO MY PRESENTATION WHY VOTE FOR ALGERIAN RESOLUTION WOULD RUN CONTRARY TO NEPAL'S TRADITIONAL POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT, HE DID NOT COMMIT HIMSELF BUT NOTED THAT NEPALESE SUPPORT FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS UNDER UN FLAG HAD BEEN INDICATED BY HIM DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND "SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE."

3. AT 1400 LOCAL TIME MFA CALLED TO SAY THAT "MINISTER KARKI HAS DECIDED TO REEXAMINE NAPAL'S POSITION ON ENTIRE QUESTION AND THAT REVIEW MIGHT TAKE SEVERAL HOURS SINCE HIGH LEVELS HAD TO BE CONSULTED.

MFA ASKED HOW LATE DECISION COULD BE MADE AND "STILL BE HELPFUL."

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 KATHMA 05027 081327Z

EMBOFF OFFERED USE OF EMBASSY TELEGRAPHIC FACILITIES SINCE

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MFA AND NEW YORK IS DIFFICULT. (WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN TOLD THAT GON NOT IN COMMUNICATION WITH UN DELEGATION SINCE LAND LINES TO DELHI, THROUGH WHICH THEY REACH NEW YORK, ARE DOWN.)

4. HOWEVER, AT 1600 HOURS MFA CALLED AGAIN TO INFORM US THAT TWO TELEGRAMS HAD SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN RECEIVED FROM UPADHYAY. IN THE FIRST, HE RECOMMENDS ABSTAINING ON BOTH SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS. THE SECOND, HOWEVER, REQUESTS MINISTRY AUTHORITY TO ALLOW HIM TO VOTE "ACCORDING TO MY DISCRETION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF ASIAN COUNTRIES."

5. COMMENT: MFA BELIEVES THAT IN LIGHT OF THESE TELEGRAMS UPADHYAY NOW WANTS TO ABSTAIN. WE, HOWEVER, ARE NOT SO SURE THAT UPADHYAY'S "DISCRETION" WOULD NECESSARILY BE IN OUR FAVOR. MINISTRY, HOWEVER, IS RELUCTANT TO INSTRUCT UPADHYAY THROUGH USUN SINCE, IN THEIR VIEW, IT WOULD UNDERCUT HIS AUTHORITY. MFA DID AGREE THAT USUN SHOULD

INFORM UPADHYAY THAT "IT HAS RECEIVED HIS MESSAGES AND IT IS THE MINISTER'S HOPE THAT HE WILL CONFORM HIS VOTING WITH LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES OF THE REGION." MFA STATES THAT IN REALITY, PHRASE "LIKE MINDED COUNTRIES OF REGION" MEANS INDIA.

6. AT SAME TIME MFA SAID THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN ON PROCEDURAL ISSUE AND ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION REPRESENTED HIS LATEST THINKING." IF USUN CAN SET THIS ACROSS TO UPADHYAY WITHOUT REPRESENTING IT AS MFA INSTRUCTION IT MAY PREVENT UPADHYAY FROM VIOLATING PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN ON PROCEDURAL ISSUE.

7. PROMPT APPROACH BY USUN TO UPADHYAY SHOULD HELP AVERT POSSIBILITY THAT HE WILL MOVE AWAY FROM GAINS ALREADY SCORED ON PROCEDURE AND ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. SUGGEST USUN INFORM HIM THAT FONMIN CONFIRMED TO ME THIS MORNING THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO ABSTAIN ON PRIORITY AND ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. IF OTHER SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES STAY IN LINE, PARTICULARLY INDIA, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO GET HIM TO ABSTAIN ON ALL ASPECTS OF KOREAN QUESTION. SEEN FROM HERE, IT APPEARS THAT GON IN LIGHT OF OUR EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS TODAY, NOW WANTS UPADHYAY TO ABSTAIN ON ALL ASPECTS BUT DOES NOT WISH TO SPECIFICALLY COUNTERMAND PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS ON ALGERIAN RESOLUTION.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 KATHMA 05027 081327Z

CARGO

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LOBBYING, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 08 DEC 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974KATHMA05027
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740356-0387
From: KATHMANDU
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741251/aaaabrwx.tel
Line Count: 108
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 JUL 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 JUL 2002 by martinml>; APPROVED <25 MAR 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: KOREA IN 29TH UNGA: NEPAL
TAGS: PFOR, KS, KN, NP, UNGA
To: USUN NEW YORK
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005